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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion regarding the settlement reached in the Microsoft antitrust case in early November. I believe the government should focus its attention on more important matters rather than filing claims against Microsoft and prolonging unnecessary litigation.

Contrary to popular belief the terms of this settlement were more than reasonable. The company agreed to terms that go beyond the products and procedures at hand as well as several product developments that were not found to be unlawful by the Court of Appeals. This demonstrated the willingness of Microsoft to comply with the standards set forth in order to prevent future antitrust violations.

As in the Att&T case, I sincerely believe that the government has wasted time and money on litigation. We have not had a decent, understandable phone system since the breakup of ATT&T. Therefore, I urge that the government devote itself to ridding the United States of terrorists and threats of terrorist attacks.

Thank you for your time and willingness to to hear comments from the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen L. Richard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Helen L. Richard